Leakage of Question Paper of SSC Clerical Examination

*38. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that question paper of SSC clerical examination was sold for Rs. 50,000, as reported in the Indian Express dated September 24, 1996; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to cancel the examination and conduct a fresh test on account of leakage, which would seriously affect fairness of the test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Some question papers of the Clerks Grade Examination, 1996 were found stolen from the strong room at the Headquarter of the Staff Selection Commission in Delhi on September 21, 1996. An FIR has been lodged with the local police. The news paper report appearing in the Indian Express of September 24, 1996 has also been referred to the police authorities for investigation.

(b) The aforesaid examination has been held on September 22,1996. The decision regarding cancellation of this examination, whether at select centres or through out the country, would be taken in the light of investigation report of the Police and other evidence like any abnormal features in regard to marks obtained by the candidates in different examination centres etc.

Conversion of type II Quarters into Type III

*39. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of type-II quarters were upgraded and converted into type-Ill quarters in Delhi about 10 years back; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that facilities such as electrical points, wash basin etc. have not been provided till now in these quarters that are generally available in type-Ill quarters; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and by when these facilities are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTROF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Consequent upon revision of scales of plinth areas in respect of various types of accommodation in 1975. theType-II residential accommodation at Sarojini Nagar was re-classified and upgraded as type-Ill accommodation. The number of such units was 3500.

(b) and (c) The amenities are provided in the quarters as per the prevalent norms at the Time of construction of such quarters. As a resuit of re-cassification of Government accommodation, the addition/alteration of non-structural character and which are in the form of amenities are to be carried out by CPWD in a phased manner, subject to availability of funds. However, if an allottee wants to have such addition/alterations carried out on priority basis, he shall have to bear the 10/20/100% of the costs depending upon the nature and quantum of works within the montary ceiling prescribed for various types of accommodation. The costs involved are also to be payable in advance.

Power Generation by IPPs

*40. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many independent power producers (IPPs) have actually commenced with full generation during the last four years;

(b) what was the target originally envisaged for IPPs generation during last four years; and

(c) the reasons for the shortfall, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES. (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c)The independent power producers (IPPs) which have commenced partial generation during the last four years are the Hazira Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) (515 MW), being

implemented by M/s. Essar Power Limited in Gujarat and the Jegurupadu CCGT (216 MW), which is being implemented by M/s. GVK Industries Limited in Andhra Pradesh. The first three gas turbines of the Hazira CCGT, each having a capacity of 110 MW were commissioned on 08.08.1995, 10.08.1995 and 13.11.1995, respectively, and the first two units of the Jegurupadu CCGT, each having a capacity of 45.8 MW, were commissioned on 04.07.1996 and 26.10.1996, respectively. The actual generation of the plant vis-a-vis the targets are as under:

Year	Target (MU)	Actual (MU)
Hazira CCGT		
1995-96	-	537
1996-97 (April-October)	901	734
Jegurupadu CCGT		
1996-97 (04.07.1996 to 19.11.1996)	--	91.5

As per the information received from the implementing agency, the reasons for the shortfall in generation of Hazira CCGT were due to shortage of fuel and non-availability of working capital.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

कुशल कारीगरों के लिए आधुनिक उपकरण

82. श्री मोहिन्दर सिंह कल्याण: क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में रह रहे कुशल कारीगरों को आधुनिक उपकरण उपलब्ध कराने हेतु राष्ट्रीय नीति बनाई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो राज्य-वार/जिला-वार/श्रेणी-वार तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) देश के गांवों के सभी कारीगरों को आधुनिक उपकरण उपलब्ध कराए जाने के संबंध में जिला-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) सभी ग्रामीण कारीगरों को आधुनिक उपकरण कब तक उपलब्ध कराए जाने की संभावना है?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्रदेव प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) से (ग) यह मंत्रालय ग्रामीण कारीगरों को उन्नत किस्म की औजार किटों की आपूर्ति की योजना को कियान्वित कर रहा है। योजना के तहत, गरीबी की रेखा से नीचे रहने वाले ग्रामीण कारीगरों को उनके उत्पादन की गुणवत्ता/मात्रा/विक्रयशीलता को बढ़ाने तथा उनकी कड़ी मेहनत को कम करने के लिए उन्नत किस्म के औजार दिए जाते हैं। औजार किटों की औसत लागत 2000/- रुपये है तथा इकाई लागत संबंधित जिला ग्रामीण विकास एजेंसी द्वारा निर्धारित की जाती है। कारीगरों को अपने योगदान के रूप में औजार किटों का 10 प्रतिशत देना होता है तथा बकाया 90 प्रतिशत भारत सरकार द्वारा सबसिडी के रूप में दिया जाता है। इस योजना के अन्तर्गत 4500 रुपये तक की लागत तक की विद्युत चालित औजार किटों के उपयोग की संस्वीकृति दे दी गई है। सामान्यतया, उन्नत औजार किटें, कुम्हार, बढ़ई, मोची, पत्थर तराशने वाला, लौहार आदि जैसे ग्रामीण कारीगरों को दी जाती हैं। योजना जिला ग्रामीण विकास एजेंसियों की मार्फत राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों द्वारा चलाई जा रही हैं। केन्द्रीय आवंटन के आधार पर राज्यों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों को जिलावार लक्ष्य निर्धारित करने होते है। शुरू होने से लेकर अब तक प्रदान की गई औजार किटों के राज्य वार वितरण को दर्शाने वाला विवरण संलग्न है।

(घ) यह योजना संभवतया नवीं योजना अवधि में भी जारी रहेगी। संसाधनों की उपलब्धता के अनुसार देश के सभी ग्रामीण कारीगरों को कवर करने के लिए प्रयास किए जायेंगे।

Unemployed women in Rural Areas

83. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed and partly employed women in rural areas of the country as on the 1st January, 1996;

(b) the details of measures taken to provide gainful employment to women and the percentage of women who benefitted from these measures;

(c) whether Government have evolved any mechanism to measure rural women's unpaid contribution to economy;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?